

# December 8th, 2023 Board Report

## Food & Nutrition



### Division Overview

- **Pending matters of significance**
  - Potential Government Shutdown
    - Our division received Continuing Resolution (CR) funding for Food Distribution Programs through November 17, 2023 and we are continuing to receive funding for other critical programs including Child Nutrition and State Administrative Expense (operations).
  - Community and School Nutrition
    - The provisions of the Child Nutrition Program Integrity Final Rule became effective on September 22, 2023. The final rule impacts the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, Summer Food Service Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). This rule strengthens program integrity by modernizing how state agencies oversee Child Nutrition Programs.
      - Example: For CACFP this rule is putting several standard operating practices that have been in place since 2011 into a formal rule.

### Program Updates

- Food Distribution
  - The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) clients continue to receive food through the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN), Three Square Food Bank (TS) and their network of community partners. There were 485,774 individuals and 221,010 households that received TEFAP services in the first quarter of State FY 24; an average of 40,481 individuals served per month as listed in the table below.

Month/Year	FBNN	Three Square
07/2023	21,294	108,144
08/2023	71,269	102,556
09/2023	65,094	117,416

- Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) for FFY23 has ended for the season.
  - 60 farmers were certified to accept coupons at Nevada Farmers' Markets and a total of 6,000 coupon booklets worth \$50 each (up from \$45 last year) were distributed to our community partners for income-eligible seniors.
  - Farmers have been reimbursed a total of \$131,370.
  - A total of 26,274 coupons were redeemed by seniors.
- Nevada Community Food Access (NCFA) Grant Round I: (State American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to enhance food access in underserved communities). As

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- of 9/30/2023 \$312,447 of \$500,000 has been expended and one out of six awarded projects have been completed.
- Nevada Community Food Access (NCFA) Round II: (State ARPA funds to enhance food access statewide in rural, tribal, and underserved urban communities.) As of 9/30/2023 \$1,260,659 of \$6 million has been expended.
  - Home Feeds Nevada (HFN) program, currently funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) grant, now has approval to utilize the allocated \$2 million in state ARPA funds.
    - Food Acquisition: The program successfully purchased 611,053 pounds of both locally grown and processed foods, along with 38,513 gallons of milk. These products are distributed across the state through local food banks.
    - Purchasing Power: The program expended a total of \$1,493,012 on these food products, ensuring continued access to fresh, local produce for those in need.
    - Expansion Plans: The program will leverage State ARPA and LFPA grant funds to expand its reach to include additional rural food pantries across Nevada. This expansion aims to address the challenges of distance and location, ensuring that communities that may have been previously underserved can access essential food resources.
  - Capital Improvement Project (CIP) at the northern food warehouse.
    - Phase one of the installation of new cooler and freezer boxes is complete. The freezer sensors have been installed and brought online so the contracted vendor can monitor temperatures outside the acceptable range.
    - Phase two of the CIP project is planned to start at the end of January 2024 and will consist of replacing the generators.
  - Community Nutrition
    - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Outreach/Expansion Initiative funded through State ARPA subaward from the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS).
      - Outreach plan and training materials have been created. Fact sheet resources are completed and approved.
      - First outreach event was held on 10/21/2023 at the Early Childhood Advisory Council Fall Conference in Carson City.
    - Meals served July 1, 2023-September 2023
      - CACFP: 1,028,873 meals served by 38 sponsors.
      - SFSP: 365,394 meals served by 16 sponsors.
    - Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed.
      - CACFP: 1 sponsor/operator was reviewed to date.
      - SFSP: 7 sponsors/operators were reviewed to date.
  - School Nutrition
    - Program Data July 1, 2023- September 30, 2023
      - School year (SY) 2023-24 approved program sponsors: 69

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- Total lunches served: 7,645,322\*
- Total breakfasts served: 4,033,093\*
- Snacks served: 64,309\*
- Milks served: 19,890\*
- Universal Meals for SY23-24
  - State ARPA used July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023: 8,839,356.50\*
  - SY 23-24: Total of \$57,495,405.90 (or 84.63%) remaining in State ARPA funds for free school meals for this school year.
  - Total Meals Covered: 2,703,205\*
- National School Lunch Equipment grant
  - FY23 Grant is open and accepting applications from school food authorities.
  - \$264,032 to award
- USDA Local Foods in Schools Grant
  - \$340,594.97 was awarded to 12 school food authorities
  - \$1,326,110.03 remaining
- Administrative and Procurement Reviews SY 23-24
  - 16 Administrative and Procurement Reviews scheduled for SY 23-24
  - 1 completed to date.

*\*Data was pulled 10/31/23 and may not reflect total meals for all sponsors for month of September as program sponsors/operators have 60 days to submit claims.*